

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION OF GAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of commercial production of gas in the country for the last three years ;
- (b) the manner in which the New Exploration Licensing Policy will increase the production of natural gas alongwith the details of progress made so far ;
- (c) the place at which India stands among the countries producing C.B.M. commercially at world level; and
- (d) the number of blocks for which the Government has signed agreement for production of CBM alongwith the time of agreement and details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

- (a) : The details of the commercial production of gas in the country for the last three years are as under :

	Million Metric Standard Cubic Metre (MMSCM)		
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
OIL	1,887	2,009	2,270
ONGC	23,584	22,970	22,574
Pvt./JV	6,490	6,780	7,350
Total	31,961	31,759	32,194

(b) : In New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) regime, a total of 162 oil & gas exploration blocks have been awarded in the six rounds held during 1999-2000 to 2006-07. So far a total 29 discoveries have been made, out of which two discoveries Bheema and NS in the block CB-ONN-2000/1 were put on Commercial Production and the Development Plan of two gas discoveries in KG-DWN-98/3 blocks are under Development stage. The commercial production from these two discoveries is likely to commence by mid 2008 with peak production @ 80 MMSCM. Other discoveries

are at various stages of commerciality & appraisal/evaluation.

(c) : United States of America (USA) is the leader in Coal Bed Methane (CBM) production in the world. The successful commercial recovery of CBM in USA has been followed up by several major coal producing countries like Australia, Canada, China. It is expected that commercial production of CBM in India would commence by the end of 2007-08. Thus India would be the 5th country to produce CBM commercially.

(d) : The details of the CBM blocks is enclosed in the attached Annexure.